

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
JULY 17, 2013**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public hearing-Jasper Chair tax abatement.** Mayor Seitz opened the public hearing concerning the tax abatement request from Jasper Chair Company. A notice of the hearing appeared in the Herald on June 28, 2013, it was given to the other taxing units in this economic revitalization area, and it was posted at city hall and faxed to the news media.

Mayor Seitz then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 and the hearing was closed.

**Resolution No. 2013-4 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF**

**JASPER AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND  
APPROVING A STATEMENT OF BENEFITS [Jasper Chair Company Inc]**

This resolution confirms the economic revitalization area and approves the real and personal property tax abatement statement of benefits for Jasper Chair Company.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-4. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of the Minutes.**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. June 19, 2013 regular common council meeting
2. June 4, 2013 special meeting-consider land purchase
3. June 28, 2013 public hearing-Brookstone annexation

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**JCAC.** Jasper Community Arts Commission member Becky Hickman attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. She said the season ticket sales are going strong. She also reported that Actors Community Theatre is putting on the musical play the Adventures of Tom Sawyer the next two weekends.

**Utility Service Board.** General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on July 15, 2013. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

**Resolution No. 2013-5 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA ADOPTING A WRITTEN FISCAL  
PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SERVICES TO AN ANNEXED AREA (Brookstone IV)**

This resolution contains the fiscal plan for the Brookstone IV annexation area for approximately 19.66 acres.

Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander reviewed the content in the fiscal plan for the Brookstone IV annexation area.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall

Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-5. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-20 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA [Brookstone IV Area]**

This ordinance annexes 19.66 acres in Brookstone IV. A public hearing was held June 28, 2013. The fiscal plan was adopted July 17, 2013.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-20. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1997-16 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND RANK VEGETATION WHICH CONSTITUTE A NUISANCE IN THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA"**

This ordinance amends the weed abatement ordinance. The amendments were recommended by the Board of Public Works and Safety at its June 25, 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-21. Motion carried 7-0.

Under discussion City Attorney Renee Kabrick explained that the City is now required to have a definitions section in its weed abatement ordinance. Also, notice requirements are being updated to conform to the Indiana Code.

**Appointment to common construction wage committee.** Mayor Seitz said as owner of the Third Avenue Water Main Replacement project, the Council needs to appoint a water utility ratepayer to the common construction wage committee. A wage determination hearing for this project will be held on August 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

A **motion** was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to appoint Stanley Jochum to the common construction wage committee. Motion carried 7-0.

**CityVisions.** Mayor Seitz said CityVisions, the firm conducting the Jasper Downtown/Riverfront Master Plan, is going to make a presentation and receive public input at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the Cabby O’Neill Gymnasium.

**Home energy inspection.** Council member Randall Buchta said he had Energize Indiana inspect his home that took about 90 minutes. He highly recommended residents have their home analyzed for energy efficiency. He said under this program there is no inspection cost to the homeowner plus one receives free items such as light bulbs and water-conserving showerheads.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_with   X   without corrections or clarification this 21st day of August, 2013.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**